

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Visit to the United States
of General GEHLEN

1. Colonel Critchfield, Chief of the Pullach Operations Base, has suggested that General GEHLEN visit Washington either just before, or shortly after, the legalization of ZIPPER. It is believed that such a visit would contribute considerably toward further strengthening our position in general with the German Intelligence Service and that the most appropriate time would be shortly after legalization. It is expected that by this time we will have concluded a secret Bilateral Intelligence Agreement with ZIPPER and the visit will give you an opportunity to discuss, among other things, the contents of this agreement with GEHLEN, in event you deem it appropriate.

2. The attached cable is to advise Colonel Critchfield that we agree in principle with his proposal.

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